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Type II Environmental Assessment
Racine Correctional Institution – Health Services Unit

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1.0 Description of Proposed Action
The State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration (DOA), Division of Facilities Development and Management (DFDM), Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Racine Correctional Institution (RCI), propose construction of the Health Services Building at the RCI. The project site is located at 2019 Wisconsin Street in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. The proposed Health Services Unit building is planned within the enclosed perimeter of the institution (Appendix A – Project Location Map).

This project will provide a Health Services Unit (HSU) building at Racine Correctional Institution, designed to meet the medical, dental, and therapeutic needs of a diverse inmate population. RCI is a medium security institution in the Wisconsin DOC system with a capacity of 1,550 inmates.

The proposed HSU will include: two waiting areas, a security control station, examination rooms, office space for health care and clinical professionals, medical and records storage, dental operatory, a multi-purpose therapy room, radiology room, laboratory, telemedicine/hearing room, group program rooms and other related spaces. The building is being designed so medical and clinical caregivers are able to collaborate.

The operation and function of the HSU will be consistent with a clinical-type facility utilizing professional and paraprofessional staff to deliver primary health care and to participate/coordinate any secondary (acute) and tertiary levels of care. Resources will be provided to better manage inmates who have been diagnosed with a mental illness.

1.1 Purpose and Need
The existing medical and clinical services are physically separated and some services are located on a second floor which makes inmates that require assistive mobility devices difficult to access. The space was constructed in 1991 for 650 adult male offenders in a building that was converted from a boarding school for boys.

Over 30 percent of the 1,550 inmates have been diagnosed with one or more chronic illnesses. The inmate population has increased medical needs because it is growing older and they have a significant number of inmates that use wheelchairs and other devices for mobility. Insufficient space and inefficient layout of the existing HSU contribute to a wide variety of concerns relating to safety, effectiveness and efficiency of staff, security of the
institution, and inmate health care. Additionally, the HSU has limited ADA accessibility as it is presently located on the second floor.

The goal of this project is to provide RCI with the resources necessary to provide ambulatory health care services for all inmates at RCI, utilizing a multi-disciplinary approach (physical and mental health wellness) in an environment that is safe for caregivers and inmates. This includes the relocation of Clinical Services staff from the Programs Building to the HSU building.

1.1.1 Estimated Cost

The estimated cost is expected to be $8.2 million (see Table 1). The estimate includes costs for construction, design fees, DFDM supervision, equipment, other fees, and a $564,000 contingency cost.

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*Source: 10% Predesign Report (Venture Architects), September 2017*

*Other Fees include commissioning, geotechnical investigation, site survey, utility location services, DSPS plan review fees, and Type II Environmental Assessment fees.

1.1.2 Funding Source

The project was enumerated in the 2015-2017 Capital Budget for $7,922,000 General Fund Supported Borrowing (GFSB). It is anticipated that the HSU will require additional operating funds of $201,500 GPR annually for maintenance and utilities costs.

1.1.3 Time Schedule

Table 2 displays the proposed project schedule.

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*Source: 10% Predesign Report (Venture Architects), September 2017*
2.0 Existing Environment

2.1 Physical

The one-story Health Services Unit (HSU) building will be located between the existing Food Services building and Jefferson Housing building. The site is limited in width which is constraining the inmate-accessible spaces. Typically an HSU in a correctional institution limits inmate movement to the front of the building. The building will be aligned with the front of the existing buildings in order to maintain site lines from the existing guard tower.

The entire Health Services Unit is located on existing developed land that is currently within the prison’s walls. The site topography is relatively flat. Existing structures and/or utility lines or vaults may contain asbestos. A Notification of Demolition and/or Renovation and Application for Permit Exemption, WDNR form 4500-113 (chapters NR 406, 410, and 447 Wis. Adm. Code) may be required. Please refer to WDNR’s notification requirements web page: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Demo/Asbestos.html for further guidance on asbestos inspections and notifications.

A search using the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey (WSS) was conducted to gather data and information regarding soils on the project site. The soil survey identified the surface soils at the site as MeB Markham silt loam, two to six percent slopes, AzB Aztalan loam, two to six percent slopes and, VaB Varna silt loam, two to six percent slopes. The MeB accounts for 46.1 percent of the project area. The AzB accounts for 37.8 percent or the project area. The VaB accounts for 16.1 percent of the project area. See Figure 1 below for soils found in the project area.

Figure 1 – Soils Found in the Project Area
According to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps and documents, the site is not located within a 100- or 500-year floodplain.

2.1.1 Air

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated Racine County as in attainment of all National Ambient Air Quality Standards. These standards are based on the Clean Air Act, Section 107, as documented in EPA’s “Green Book.” Accordingly, the concentrations of “criteria” pollutants (i.e. ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, and lead) are protective of health and welfare, with an adequate margin of safety.

2.1.2 Wetlands

A search for wetlands and wetland indicators in the project area was conducted via the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources’ (WDNR) Surface Water Data Viewer. The search results indicated that no wetlands are located on the site. Areas of wetland indicators are shown in the purple dotted area, as indicated in Figure 2.

Figure 2 – Wetlands and Wetland Indicators in Project Area

2.1.3 Flora

The site has a mostly barren landscape with some grassy areas; common for a secured prison environment. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), three rare plant species have been recorded within the vicinity of the project area, however,
due to the current use of the site as a community garden, there is not suitable habitat for these species.

Racine County is in the quarantine area for Emerald Ash Borer. Please follow the Department of Agriculture provisions for removal and/or disposal of any ash trees that may be cleared from property, which can be found at:
http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/article.jsp?topicid=20

2.1.4 Fauna

The Racine Correctional Institution is located in a medium-density area in the village of Sturtevant. Sparse vegetation is limited to the perimeter of the facility and thus there is an overall absence of large mammals.

According to the WDNR, a terrestrial natural community has been recorded within the vicinity of the project area, however, due to the current use of the site as a community garden, this natural community is not present within the project site. Also, a rare amphibian was recorded within the vicinity of the project area, however, due to the decline of this species, it is no longer believed to be present in Racine County and no further actions are necessary.

The project is not within the critical habitat zone for the Rusty Patched Bumblebee, a federally listed Endangered Species. However, due to declining populations, WDNR recommends that conservation measures be implemented into the final restoration plan for the project. Additional information on conservation measure can be found at:

There are no known Northern Long-eared Bat, a federally listed Endangered Species, hibernacula or roosting sites in Racine County. However, due to declining bat populations, WDNR recommends that precautions should be taken to avoid impacts to bats that may be roosting in trees or buildings. This includes avoiding tree cutting and demolition activities during the pup season, July 1 to August 15 of the calendar year. It has been requested that this restriction be included in the provisions for the project.

2.1.5 Social

The Health Services Unit currently occupies the second floor of an existing building despite its critical role at RCI. The services currently offered would be enhanced by accommodating more users and thereby providing more efficient servicing of the ill and aging inmates.

It is not likely that construction noise would be audible from neighboring residential areas. Work trucks entering the facility on Wisconsin Street may be audible to neighboring residents on Florence Drive. However, this would not likely result in an increase in the typical decibel level.

2.1.6 Economic

According to the 2010 Congressional Research Service Report, *Economic Impacts of Prison Growth*, the U.S. corrections system has gone through an unprecedented expansion during the last few decades, with a more than 400 percent jump in the prison population and a corresponding boom in prison construction. At the end of 2008, 2.3 million adults were in state, local, or federal custody, with another 5.1 million on probation or parole. This expansion has had a large economic impact on the nation. About 770,000 people worked in the corrections sector in 2008. The U.S. Labor Department expects the number of guards, supervisors, and other staff to grow by 9 percent between 2008 and 2018, while the number
of probation and parole officers is to increase by 16 percent. In addition to those working
directly in institutions, many more jobs are tied to a multi-billion dollar private industry that
constructs, finances, equips, and provides health care, education, food, rehabilitation, and
other services to prisons and jails.

RCI has experienced this growth seen nationally with respect to inmates and full time
employees. The Racine Correctional Institution Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Report listed a total
operating budget of $42,048,060. The Institution had a male population of 1,696, exceeding
its designed capacity of 1,171 by 525. The inmate to staff ratio was 3.5 inmates to every staff
member, with a total of 342 full time employees. According to the Adult Corrections Program
(Informational Paper 55)\(^1\), the annual cost per inmate in 2015 at RCI was $28,743 or $78.75
per day; these costs have been upward trending.

2.1.7 Archaeological and Historic Resources

In accordance with Wisconsin Statute §44.40, the project team conducted a review of
properties that may be directly or indirectly affected by the project. No properties listed on, or
eligible for, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) or locally designated as historic
places under Wisconsin Statute §44.45 are located in the project area.

There will be no effect to historic properties as a result of the project per Wisconsin Statute
§44.40.

Appendix B includes the archaeological and historic search results.

2.1.8 Hazardous/Contaminated Materials

An environmental records review was conducted in order to identify past or present factors
that may cause a potential hazardous materials concern to proposed project construction.
This included a review of documents available online from the Wisconsin Department of
Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural
Resources (WDNR). Neither a Phase 1 nor Phase 2 Hazardous Materials Investigation were
completed for this environmental document.

The online databases reviewed included the Wisconsin Remediation and Redevelopment
Database (WRRD) and the DSPS Storage Tank Database. WRRD includes the Bureau for
Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) and the Remediation and
Redevelopment (RR) Sites Map. BRRTS is an online database that provides information on
contaminated properties and other activities in Wisconsin. The RR Sites Map is a web-based
mapping system that allows a user to view different layers of contamination data using a
Geographic Information System (GIS) tool. No hazardous materials were identified on the
WDNR CLEAN site for the Racine Correctional Institution property. In the DSPS database,
two underground storage tanks and two above ground storage tanks were identified at 2019
Wisconsin Street, Sturtevant, WI 53177. All four of these tanks are “in use” according to the
database. See Appendix C – Hazardous Materials Search Results

\(^1\) Wisconsin Legislative Fiscal Bureau, January 2015
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lfb/informational_papers/january_2015/0055_adult_corrections_program_informational_paper_55.pdf
3.0 Proposed Environmental Change

3.1 Manipulation of Terrestrial Resources

Water and sewer utility upgrades are anticipated as part of construction. Site grading and drainage are anticipated to follow the existing drainage pattern on the site. Storm sewer will be extended from existing catch basins to the building and proposed catch basins.

Relocation or removal of the sanitary sewer line and a high-mast light fixture is planned.

A new 6-inch PVC sanitary sewer lateral will be extended to the HSU building. Water is available on site from existing water main.

New utility service from Wisconsin Street will be required. A new generator will be installed for the HSU building and located on the northeast corner of the building. A chain link fence will be constructed around the generator and mechanical equipment for security.

Construction fencing will be constructed around the building site to keep inmate and staff safe. An opening in the perimeter fence will be constructed just north of the building site with a manual gate for construction and emergency access. The perimeter fence is electrified so in order to maintain the secure perimeter, a microwave will be installed during construction at the opening as well as a temporary sally port. A temporary guard shack will be constructed at the gate for security.

The contractor laydown and storage area will be located on the west side of Wisconsin Street. Construction materials and debris, including fuels, oil, and other liquid substances, will not be stored in the construction area in a manner that would allow them to enter a wetland, waterbody, or groundwater source as a result of spillage, natural runoff, or flooding. If a spill of any potential pollutant should occur, it is the responsibility of the project to remove such material, to minimize any contamination resulting from this spill, and to immediately notify the State Duty Officer at 1-800-943-0003.

WDNR recommends that all construction activities occur in an environmentally sound manner. This includes the proper disposal of all demolition material that cannot be recycled, the design and implementation of an adequate stormwater management/erosion control plan, and the suppression of any dust generated during construction.

3.2 Manipulation of Aquatic Resources

This project will not have direct effects on aquatic resources.

Adequate precautions should be taken to prevent transporting or introducing invasive species via construction equipment, as provided under chapter NR 40 Wis. Adm. Code. Further information on species classified as Restricted or Prohibited under NR 40 can be found at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/classification.html

Any equipment coming into contact with surface waters (including stormwater runoff) must be properly cleaned and disinfected to address the spread of invasive species and viruses. Special provisions must require contractors to implement the following measures before and after mobilizing in-water equipment to prevent the spread of VHS, Zebra Mussel, and other invasive species. Contractors should follow Aquatic Invasive Species Control protocol found here: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/documents/vhs/disinfection_protocols.pdf
WDNR will work with project managers to help identify specific problem areas across the project site and recommend preventive measures.

3.3 **Structures**

A new one story stand-alone Health Services Unit building will be designed and constructed inside the perimeter of Racine Correctional Institution between the Food Service Building and the Jefferson Housing Building E. The approximately 21,000 square foot building will be designed to meet the needs of the diverse inmate population.

3.4 **Air**

Construction equipment and other internal combustion engine-powered equipment used during construction can create emissions that may elevate ambient air contaminant concentrations in the immediate vicinity of the equipment. These elevated concentrations are expected to be temporary, extremely localized, and unlikely to impede the attainment of state and federal nation ambient standards. Dust may occur during site work. However, contractors typically minimize dust emissions by applying water.

3.5 **Traffic and Parking**

The Racine Correctional Institution is accessed by two entrances; one on Wisconsin Street and the other on WIS 20. Construction vehicular access for the project will likely enter the prison grounds by using Wisconsin Street. Controlled and fenced construction access will be provided, and existing facilities outside of the project limits will be protected.

Parking is accommodated on the south side of the building.

3.6 **Storm Water**

This project may require a Construction Site Erosion Control and Storm Water Management, NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code permit. The construction site permit requires landowners to install practices to help decrease the amount of sediment that pollutes Wisconsin’s waterways from construction projects. More information, including permit application materials, is available at: [http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stormwater/construction/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stormwater/construction/)

The proposed Health Services Unit is considered a redevelopment of an existing site in terms of stormwater runoff, so no additional on-site stormwater treatment would be required as part of this project.

3.7 **Attached Descriptive Materials**

See Appendix D for diagrams of proposed improvements.

4.0 **Probable Adverse and Beneficial Impacts**

4.1 **Physical Impacts**

Physical impacts related to this project are expected to be minimal as the building will take the place of existing grass and paved areas. The proposed changes will include a 21,000 square-foot building to serve as clinic space.

4.2 **Biological Impacts**

Biological impacts related to this project are expected to be minimal and primarily related to site work required for the construction of the Health Services Unit. The space is currently
used for gardening vegetables and flowers. It is not expected that critical habitat will be affected by the proposed project.

4.3 Socioeconomic Impacts

4.3.1 Social

The social impacts resulting from the proposed Health Services Unit construction should be mostly positive. The facilities are meant to enhance the usable space of the building while adding space for the increase in inmates requiring care and clinic visits. The institution also provides a number of programs that help inmates deal with varying issues, including programs for education, domestic violence counseling, sex offender treatment, substance abuse, mental illness, and re-entry. These programs could potentially benefit from the new space at the Health Services Unit.

4.3.2 Economic

The historic, sustained rise in incarceration has broad implications, not just for the criminal justice system, but for the larger economy. About 770,000 people worked in the corrections sector in 2008. The U.S. Labor Department expects the number of guards, supervisors, and other staff to grow by 9 percent between 2008 and 2018, while the number of probation and parole officers is to increase by 16 percent. In addition to those working directly in institutions, many more jobs are tied to a multi-billion dollar private industry that constructs, finances, equips, and provides health care, education, food, rehabilitation, and other services to prisons and jails.

Racine Correctional Institution has experienced this nationwide incarceration increase. What started as a 650-bed prison in 1991 has increased to an inmate population of 1,696 in 2016. The added facilities may increase the need for additional employees which could have a minor effect on the local economy.

4.3.3 Archaeological and Historic Impacts

There will be no effect to archaeological sites or historic properties as a result of the project per Wisconsin Statute §44.40. Appendix B includes the search results.

5.0 Probable Adverse Impacts That Cannot Be Avoided

Prison staff and inmates may experience some disruption during site construction activities. Construction equipment will create additional noise and emissions in the area of the site. These potential impacts will be short-term and should be minimal.

6.0 Relationship Between Short-Term Uses of the Environment and the Maintenance and Enhancement of Long-Term Productivity

Short-term effects such as noise, dust, traffic congestion, and construction equipment emissions caused during construction are likely to occur. These short-term adverse effects will be offset by the beneficial effects of the proposed Health Services Unit construction. The new facility will help serve the prison staff and inmates needing care.

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7.0 Irreversible or Irretrievable Commitments of Resources if Action is Implemented

7.1 Energy
Site work construction will require energy use. Additionally, more energy will be consumed once the building and new utilities are installed.

7.2 Archaeological and Historic Features or Sites
The proposed project is not anticipated to have any effects on archaeological and historic features or sites.

8.0 Alternatives

8.1 No-Action Alternative
This alternative would not build the Health Services Unit at the Racine Correctional Institution. This alternative would not provide inmates and prison staff with adequate facilities. The construction of the new building will provide adequate facilities for the prison population needing services. For these reasons, the No-Action Alternative was not selected.

8.2 Other Action Alternatives
No other action alternatives were considered for this project.

9.0 Evaluation

9.1 Secondary Effects
As a result of this action, is it likely that other events or actions will happen which may significantly affect the environment?

The construction of the Health Services Unit is not expected to lead to other events or actions that would significantly affect the environment.

9.2 New Environmental Effect
Does the action alter the environment so a new physical, biological, or socioeconomic environment would exist?

A direct (visual) effect will occur as a result of the proposed construction of the building additions on either side of the existing building and the associated features (fencing, grass, pavement) composing the area between some of these buildings.

9.3 Geographically Scarce
Are the existing environmental features which would be affected by the proposed action scarce, either locally or statewide?

The project, as proposed, is not expected to have any effects on scarce resources.

9.4 Future Decisions
Does the action and its effects require a decision which would result in influencing future decision?
The construction project is consistent with previous studies and planning efforts. The construction of the Health Services Unit is not precedent-setting.

9.5 **Highly Controversial**

*Discuss and describe concerns which indicate a serious controversy.*

The Health Services Unit construction is not expected to cause serious, widespread controversy as it is not a publically accessible area.

9.6 **Consistency With Long-Range Plans or Policies**

*Does the action conflict with official agency plans or with any local, state or national policy?*

Although no long-term plan is available for the prison, the project is consistent with previous projects and planning efforts. The project will require review and approval from the State Building Commission.

9.7 **Cumulative Impacts**

*While the action by itself may be limited in scope, would repeated actions of this type result in major or significant impacts to the environment?*

The cumulative effect of concurrent Racine Correctional Institution construction projects could result in increased construction disturbances such as noise, dust, and traffic. However, these effects would be short-term.

The proposed project continues renovations to the RCI, which has been ongoing for many years. What began as a 650-bed prison in 1991 has grown into a facility housing almost 2,000 inmates in 2016. More people visiting inmates and increased delivery of goods, the prison expansions have cumulatively affected the vicinity by bringing additional traffic into the area.

The expansion of the prison has increased the capacity of housing inmates in this part of the state. Over a period of decades, these effects could be considered significant. The construction of the Health Services Unit itself would not result in significant effects to the environment.

9.8 **Historical, Scientific, or Archaeological Sites**

*Will the action modify or destroy any historical, scientific or archaeological site?*

No historical, scientific, or archaeological sites would be directly affected by the proposed project.

9.9 **Does It Preclude Future Options**

*Is the action irreversible? Will it commit a resource for the foreseeable future?*

The project will provide a Health Services Unit building in what is currently vegetable and flower gardens. Although the action is not irreversible, the construction of the building will commit this space for the foreseeable future.
9.10 Social and Cultural Impacts

*Will action result in direct or indirect impacts on ethnic or cultural groups or alter social patterns?*

It is not expected that the reconstruction project would directly or indirectly affect ethnic or cultural groups or alter social patterns.

10.0 List of Agencies, Groups, and Individuals Contacted Regarding This Project

An initial project scoping letter was sent to potentially interested parties on September 11, 2017. The distribution list included, but was not limited to local representatives, elected officials, and state and federal agencies (see Appendix E – Project Scoping Letter and Distribution List).

As a result of the initial scoping process, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and WisDOT Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) contacted project staff. A copy of their public input is included in Appendix F – Public Input Record.

10.1 Environmental Commitments

10.1.1 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)

The WDNR provided comments on October 9, 2017. The environmental commitments that were requested in the letter and summarized below. These commitments will need to be addressed by the A/E Firm selected for this project prior to construction.

- WDNR recommends that all construction activities occur in an environmentally sound manner. This includes the proper disposal of all demolition material that cannot be recycled, the design and implementation of an adequate stormwater management/erosion control plan, and the suppression of any dust generated during construction.

- Based on the type of operations that will take place at the Health Services Unit, an Air Emission, Wastewater and/or Hazardous Waste/Medical Waste permit may be required and may need to be secured prior to commencement of construction. Information can be found at the following locations:
  - [http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/airpermits/](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/airpermits/)

- Racine Wastewater Utility, is the Publicly Owned Treatment Works for wastewater generated at RCI. The City of Racine inspected the correctional institution in 2016 for implementation of mercury amalgam separators as part of the City's wastewater permit and mercury variance. The Institution did not pass the City's inspection and will be re-inspected this year. As the Health Services Unit will provide dental services, it is important that the necessary best management practice – the mercury amalgam separation – be part of the facility upgrade to further reduce the amount of mercury tributary to the City's treatment plant. There are also the same concerns with any
healthcare facility or hospital system with the potential for introduction of pharmaceuticals in wastewater.

- Construction materials and debris, including fuels, oil, and other liquid substances, will not be stored in the construction area in a manner that would allow them to enter a wetland, waterbody, or groundwater source as a result of spillage, natural runoff, or flooding. If a spill of any potential pollutant should occur, it is the responsibility of the project to remove such material, to minimize any contamination resulting from this spill, and to immediately notify the State Duty Officer at 1-800-943-0003.

- Existing structures and/or utility lines or vaults may contain asbestos. A Notification of Demolition and/or Renovation and Application for Permit Exemption, DNR form 4500-113 (chapters NR 406, 410, and 447 Wis. Adm. Code) may be required. Please refer to DNR’s notification requirements web page: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Demo/Asbestos.html for further guidance on asbestos inspections and notifications. Contact Mark Davis, Air Management Specialist 608-266-3658, with questions on the form. The notification must be submitted ten working days in advance of demolition projects.

- Adequate precautions should be taken to prevent transporting or introducing invasive species via construction equipment, as provided under chapter NR 40 Wis. Adm. Code. Further information on species classified as Restricted or Prohibited under NR 40 can be found at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/classification.html

- Any equipment coming into contact with surface waters (including stormwater runoff) must be properly cleaned and disinfected to address the spread of invasive species and viruses. Special provisions must require contractors to implement the following measures before and after mobilizing in-water equipment to prevent the spread of VHS, Zebra Mussel, and other invasive species. Contractors should follow Aquatic Invasive Species Control protocol found here: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/documents/vhs/disinfection_protocols.pdf

DNR will work with project managers to help identify specific problem areas across the project site and recommend preventive measures.

- Racine County is in the quarantine area for Emerald Ash Borer. Please follow the Department of Agriculture provisions for removal and/or disposal of any ash trees that may be cleared from property, which can be found at: http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/article.jsp?topicid=20

- There are no known Northern Long-eared Bat, a federally listed Endangered Species, hibernacula or roosting sites in Racine County. However, due to declining bat populations, DNR recommends that precautions should be taken to avoid impacts to bats that may be roosting in trees or buildings. This includes avoiding tree cutting and demolition activities during the pup season, July 1 to August 15 of the calendar year. We request this restriction is included in the provisions for the project.

- The project is not within the critical habitat zone for the Rusty Patched Bumblebee, a federally listed Endangered Species. However, due to declining populations, DNR recommends that conservation measures be implemented into the final restoration plan for the project. Additional information on conservation measure can be found at: https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/insects/rpbb/conservation.html
10.1.2 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

As a result of the proximity of the proposed HSU building to Sylvania Airport the WisDOT Bureau of Aeronautics and FAA have requested completion of Form 7460-1. The form is included in Appendix F and will need to be submitted 45 days prior to the start of construction. Based on the FAA response, further action may be required prior to construction by the A/E Firm selected for this project.

11.0 References

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Clean Air Act, Section 107.
National Register of Historic Places, online database, September 2017.
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) and the Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Sites Map.
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources DSPS Storage Tank Database: http://dvmwapps.wi.gov/ER_Tanks/TankList
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Viewer, Wetland Inventory, 2017.
Wisconsin Division of State Facilities, Request for Architectural/Engineering Services, Scope of Services, Health Services Unit Addition, Racine Correctional Institution, Department of Corrections, Project No. 15I1D, July 2017.
10% Predesign Report, Health Services Unit, Racine Correctional Institution, Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Venture Architects, September 2017.
Wisconsin Natural Heritage Inventory Database, 2017.
12.0 Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION (to be completed by institution WEPA Coordinator only)

☐ EIS Not Required

Analysis of the expected impact of this proposal is of sufficient scope and detail to conclude that this action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment. In my opinion therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required before the board undertakes this action.

☐ Major and Significant Action: PREPARE EIS

Additional factors, if any, affecting the evaluator’s recommendation:

CERTIFIED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH WEPA -
Public Notice Completed (include copy of public notice for permanent record)

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This decision is not final until approved by the appropriate Director.

Regent Resolution 2508  11/06
Racine Correctional Institution, Health Services Unit (HSU)
DFDM Project #: 15I1D
2019 Wisconsin Street, Sturtevant, WI
Racine County

Legend
- Proposed HSU General Location

Appendix A
REQUEST FOR SHPO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON A STATE UNDERTAKING

Submit one copy with each undertaking for which our comment is requested. Please print or type. We do not accept Electronic Submittals.

Return to:

Wisconsin Historical Society, Historic Preservation and Public History Division, Preservation Planning, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

Please Check All Boxes and Include All of the Following Information, as Applicable:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

☐ This is a new submittal.
☐ This is supplemental information relating to Case #: ___________, and title: _____________________________
☐ This project is being undertaken pursuant to the terms and conditions of a programmatic or non-programmatic agreement.

The title of the agreement is

a. State Agency Jurisdiction (Agency providing funds, assistance, license, permit): Wisconsin Department of Administration
b. State Agency Contact Person: Robert Hoffmann, Project Manager
c. Phone: 608.266.7533 FAX:
d. Return Address: Egan-Bruhy, Commonwealth, 8662 N Deerwood, Milwaukee, WI 53209 Zip Code: 53209
e. Email Address: eganbruhy@chg-inc.com
f. Project Name: Racine Correctional Institution Health Services Unit
g. Project Street Address: 2019 Wisconsin Street
h. County: Racine City: Sturtevant Zip Code: __________________
i. Project Location: Township 3N, Range 22E, E/W (circle one), Section 21, Quarter Sections NE
j. Project Narrative Description—Attach Information as Necessary, including brief project overview and current photos of project property(ies).

k. Area of Potential Effect (APE). Attach Copy of U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Topographic Quadrangle Showing APE.

II. IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

☐ The following historic property(ies) is (are) recorded in the Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places and is (are) located within the project APE.
(no historic properties recorded as located within the project APE)

Attach supporting materials (including copy of Wisconsin inventory database record, current photo(s) of property).

III. FINDINGS

☐ No historic property (enumerated in II above) may be affected by the proposed project. Attach supporting material.
☐ The proposed undertaking may affect an historic property (identified in II above) located within the project APE. Attach supporting material.

Authorized Signature: Kathryn Egan-Bruhy Date: October 9, 2017

Type or print name: Kathryn Egan-Bruhy

IV. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE COMMENTS

☐ Agree with the finding in section III above.
☐ Do not agree with the finding in section III above.
☐ The proposed undertaking will not adversely affect one or more historic properties.
☐ The proposed undertaking will adversely affect one or more historic properties.
☐ WHS requires negotiation with the state agency to address the adverse effect.
☐ WHS does not require negotiation with the state agency to address the adverse effect.
☐ WHS objects to the finding for reasons indicated in attached letter.
☐ WHS cannot review until information is sent as follows:

Authorized Signature: __________________________ Date: 10/11/17
I. GENERAL INFORMATION

j. Project Narrative Description

The Department of Administration – Division of Facilities Development and Management (DOA/DFDM), Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Racine Correctional Institution (RCI), propose construction of a new Health Services Building at the RCI in Sturtevant, Wisconsin (Figures 1 and 2). Specifically, the project will involve the construction of a modern Health Services Unit (HSU) at the RCI, designed to meet the medical, dental, and therapeutic needs of the institution’s diverse inmate population, numbering up to 1,550 inmates.

k. Area of Potential Effects (APE)

The RCI is located at 2019 Wisconsin Street, on the east side of the road. The APE encompasses an area of the RCI property currently used as a garden. This is an open space with garden beds in the northwest corner of the institution grounds. It is almost entirely surrounded by pavement and buildings (Figure 2).

II. IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc. (Commonwealth) reviewed the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database (WHPD) to determine if any buildings, structures, objects, or archaeological or burial sites located in the APE were previously surveyed, determined eligible, or listed on the National Register of Historic Places (National Register). No archaeological sites or architecture/history resources were identified in the APE (Figure 2). The APE was subjected to Phase I archaeological survey in the 1980s in advance of the initial construction of the RCI. At that time, two scatters of historic material were the only cultural features observed and no sites were identified.

III. FINDINGS

The proposed project will not directly or indirectly impact or alter any previously identified historic properties. No archaeological sites or architecture/history resources were identified within or adjacent to the project APE.

Commonwealth recommends that the project will have no effect on any known historic properties.

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Figure 1. Project Area Location
Figure 2. Project Area Plan
Appendix C
Hazardous Materials Search Results
BRRTS on the Web

If the results of your search include Activities across multiple locations, the results are grouped by alternating background colors indicating the different locations.

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Search Again
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Note: Not all sites are mapped.
## Tank List

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Tank Detail

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2019 WISCONSIN ST
STURTEVANT
Landowner Type: State
Site Anniversary Date: Dispensers have Sumps: No

Site and Owner
County & Municipality
51 - RACINE
Village of STURTEVANT
Fire Dept ID: 5104 - Mount Pleasant
Owner
ID: 1203754
WI DEPT OF CORRECTIONS -
3099 E WASHINGTON AVE PO BOX 7991
MADISON WI 53707 7991

Install Date: 01/01/1990
Capacity in Gallons: 2500
Contents: Unleaded Gasoline
Tank Occupancy: Government Fleet
Marketer: N
CAS Number:
Federally Regulated: Y
Spill Protection: Required - Installed
Overfill Prot Type: 90alrm95autoOff
Overfill Protection: Required - Installed
Corrosion Protect Type: Not Applicable
Containment Sump Installed: No
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Automatic Tank Gauge
Date of Lining:
Leak Test Meth:
Cath Test Date:
Leak Test Expire Date:
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STURTEVANT
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Site Anniversary Date: Dispensers have Sumps: No

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Install Date: 04/20/2006
Capacity in Gallons: 450
Contents: Diesel
Marketer: N
CAS Number: Required - Installed
Spill Protection: Overfill Protection: Required - Installed
Containment Sump Installed: Unknown
Date of Lining: Lining Inspected Date:
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Close Order Date: Close Order By:
Piping - None

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Close Order Date: Close Order By:

Site and Owner
County & Municipality
51 - RACINE
Village of STURTEVANT
Fire Dept ID: 5104 - Mount Pleasant
Owner
ID: 1203754
WI DEPT OF CORRECTIONS - 3099 E WASHINGTON AVE PO BOX 7991
MADISON WI 53707 7991

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Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
Tank Detail

Site and Owner

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2019 WISCONSIN ST STURTEVANT
Landowner Type: State
Site Anniversary Date: Dispensers have Sumps: Unknown

County & Municipality
Facility ID: 51 - RACINE
Village of STURTEVANT
Fire Dept ID: 5104 - Mount Pleasant

Owner
Owner ID: 369399
WI DEPT OF CORRECTIONS - ROBERT NIKOLAY
3099 E WASHINGTON AVE MADISON WI 53704 4338

Aboveground Storage Tank - ID: 210561, Wang ID: 510200012, In Use

Install Date: 10/17/1994
Capacity in Gallons: 20000
Contents: Fuel Oil
Marketer: N
CAS Number:

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Piping

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- **Village:** STURTEVANT
- **Fire Dept ID:** 5104 - Mount Pleasant
- **Landowner Type:** State
- **Site Anniversary Date:**

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- **Contents:** Fuel Oil
- **Marketer:** N
- **CAS Number:**
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EXAM ROOM LAYOUT
WORKSTATION (FURNITURE)

NURSE’S STATION

NURSE’S STATION LAYOUT
Appendix E

Project Scoping Letter and Distribution List
September 11, 2017

RE: Health Services Unit
Racine Correctional Institution
Wisconsin Department of Corrections
Sturtevant, Wisconsin
DFDM Project #1511D

Dear «First_Name» «Last_Name»:

The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Development and Management, has retained Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) on behalf of the Department of Corrections – Racine Correctional Institution to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed Racine Correctional Institution Health Services Unit. A project location map is attached.

The Department of Administration – Division of Facilities Development and Management (DOA/DFDM), Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Racine Correctional Institution (RCI), propose construction of the Health Services Building at the RCI. The project site is in Racine County and located at 2019 Wisconsin Street in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. The proposed improvement is planned within the enclosed perimeter of the institution.

This project will provide a modern Health Services Unit (HSU) at Racine Correctional Institution, designed to meet the medical, dental, and therapeutic needs of a diverse inmate population. RCI is a medium security institution in the Wisconsin DOC system with a capacity of 1,550 inmates. The HSU will include: a waiting area, examination rooms, offices for health services professionals, offices for clinical services professionals, a programming group room, medical and clinical records storage, climate controlled secured medication and supply room, dental operatory, a multi-purpose therapy room, a telemedicine system, a radiology room, lab spaces, officer stations and other related spaces. The operation and function of the health services unit will be consistent with a clinical type facility utilizing professional and paraprofessional staff to deliver primary health care and to participate/coordinate any secondary (acute) and tertiary levels of care. Resources will be provided to better manage inmates who have been diagnosed with a mental illness.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project is being prepared to consider the potential environmental consequences of the proposals, document the analysis, and make this information available to the public for comment prior to implementation under the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA) Wisconsin Statutes 1.11. We are seeking your comments specific to needs and issues that should be considered as part of the project. Your input is vital in avoiding, minimizing, or mitigating negative impacts to the environment, as well as maximizing benefits for the public. As design of the project begins, potential impacts could be within the project area shown on the enclosed project location map.

We would be pleased to receive any comments regarding this project or information you wish to share pertaining to the EA. Please submit any comments you may have in writing by October 6, 2017 to Darren Fortney (see contact information below). If no comments are received from you or your agency, we will assume that there are no project issues that you wish to bring forth.

Enclosed is a list of those who have received this letter as part of the formal agency coordination process. If you feel we should be seeking comment from others not on the list included with this packet please contact Darren Fortney at 608.620.6191 or dfortney@sehinc.com, and we would be happy to contact them.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, or if you wish to discuss this project in further detail. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Racine Correctional Institution, Sylvania Airport
Racine Correctional Institution – Sturtevant, Racine County

Dear Mr. Fortney:

I have reviewed the information submitted on the — Racine Correctional Institute, HSU project, located in Racine County. I do not have any issues with the project at this time from a Bureau of Aeronautics standpoint. Since portions of the project are in the vicinity of the Sylvania Airport, the ‘Notice Criteria Tool’ on the FAA’s Obstruction Evaluation and Airport Airspace Analysis (OE/AAA) website should be used to see if any temporary equipment or permanent structures will require study.

If required to file for a study, the FAA requests submittal at least 45 days prior to the start of construction to give them enough time to complete the study. If you have any questions about this process I can assist you.

Sincerely,

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Dear Darren Fortney,

This letter is in response to your request seeking input to specific needs and issues that should be considered for your proposed construction of the Health Services Building at Racine Correctional Institution.

I do not have input to offer on this matter as Taycheedah Correctional Institution, Milwaukee Women's Correctional Center, and Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center houses only the female population. Wisconsin Women's Correctional System would not be utilizing Racine Correctional Institution.

Respectfully,

Sarah Cooper
WWCS Warden

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October 9, 2017

Darren Fortney, AICP
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Subject: WDNR Agency Comments
Environmental Assessment (EA)
Proposed Health Services Unit
Racine Correctional Facility
Sturtevant, WI

Dear Mr. Fortney:

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Division of Facilities Development (DFD) will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed construction of the Racine Correctional Institution (RCI) Health Services Unit in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. The EA will be prepared in accordance with the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA), Wisconsin Statutes 1.11, and DOA agency policy for new facilities. The EA for this project is being prepared to consider the potential environmental consequences of the proposal, document the analysis and make this information available to the public for comment.

The proposed facility will provide a Health Services Unit (HSU) at RCI to meet the medical, dental and therapeutic needs of the diverse inmate population. The HSU will include: offices for clinical services and professionals, medication and supply room, dental operatory, multi-purpose therapy room, radiology room, lab services, officer stations and other related services. The operation and function of the health services unit will be consistent with a clinical type facility utilizing professional staff to deliver primary health care, some secondary and tertiary levels of care and resources to better manage inmates who have been diagnosed with mental illnesses.

The project, as proposed will not directly impact waterways, wetlands, floodplain, state threatened or endangered species, or DNR owned property. The Department offers the following additional comments:

- We recommend that all construction activities occur in an environmentally sound manner. This includes the proper disposal of all demolition material that cannot be recycled, the design and implementation of an adequate stormwater management/erosion control plan, and the suppression of any dust generated during construction.

- This project may require a Construction Site Erosion Control and Storm Water Management, NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code permit. The construction site permit requires landowners to install practices to help decrease the amount of sediment that pollutes Wisconsin’s waterways from construction projects. More information, including permit application materials, is available at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stormwater/construction/ . The proposed Health Services Unit is considered a redevelopment of an existing site in terms of stormwater runoff, so no additional on-site stormwater treatment would be required as part of this project.
• Based on the type of operations that will take place at the Health Services Unit, an Air Emission, Wastewater and/or Hazardous Waste/Medical Waste permit may be required and may need to be secured prior to commencement of construction. Information can be found at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/airpermits/ and http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/ and http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/HealthWaste/Hazardous.html.

• Racine Wastewater Utility, is the Publicly Owned Treatment Works for wastewater generated at RCI. The City of Racine inspected the correctional institution in 2016 for implementation of mercury amalgam separators as part of the City’s wastewater permit and mercury variance. The Institution did not pass the City’s inspection and will be re-inspected this year. As the Health Services Unit will provide dental services, it is important that the necessary best management practice – the mercury amalgam separation – be part of the facility upgrade to further reduce the amount of mercury tributary to the City’s treatment plant. There are also the same concerns with any healthcare facility or hospital system with the potential for introduction of pharmaceuticals in wastewater.

• Construction materials and debris, including fuels, oil, and other liquid substances, will not be stored in the construction area in a manner that would allow them to enter a wetland, waterbody, or groundwater source as a result of spillage, natural runoff, or flooding. If a spill of any potential pollutant should occur, it is the responsibility of the project to remove such material, to minimize any contamination resulting from this spill, and to immediately notify the State Duty Officer at 1-800-943-0003.

• Existing structures and/or utility lines or vaults may contain asbestos. A Notification of Demolition and/or Renovation and Application for Permit Exemption, DNR form 4500-113 (chapters NR 406, 410, and 447 Wis. Adm. Code) may be required. Please refer to DNR’s notification requirements web page: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Demo/Asbestos.html for further guidance on asbestos inspections and notifications. Contact Mark Davis, Air Management Specialist 608-266-3658, with questions on the form. The notification must be submitted 10 working days in advance of demolition projects.

• A Rare Species and Natural Communities review is attached to this letter. The project, as proposed, is not likely to adversely affect state or federally-listed rare species.

• Adequate precautions should be taken to prevent transporting or introducing invasive species via construction equipment, as provided under chapter NR 40 Wis. Adm. Code. Further information on species classified as Restricted or Prohibited under NR 40 can be found at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Invasives/classification.html.

• Any equipment coming into contact with surface waters (including stormwater runoff) must be properly cleaned and disinfected to address the spread of invasive species and viruses. Special provisions must require contractors to implement the following measures before and after mobilizing in-water equipment to prevent the spread of VHS, Zebra Mussel, and other invasive species. Contractors should follow Aquatic Invasive Species Control protocol found here: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/documents/vhs/disinfection_protocols.pdf. DNR will work with project managers to help identify specific problem areas across the project site and recommend preventive measures.

• Racine County is in the quarantine area for Emerald Ash Borer. Please follow the Department of Agriculture provisions for removal and/or disposal of any ash trees that may be cleared from property, which can be found at: http://datcpservices.wisconsin.gov/eab/article.jsp?topicid=20.

• There are no known Northern Long-eared Bat, a federally listed Endangered Species, hibernacula or roosting sites in Racine County. However, due to declining bat populations, DNR recommends that
precautions should be taken to avoid impacts to bats that may be roosting in trees or buildings. This includes avoiding tree cutting and demolition activities during the pup season, July 1st to August 15th of the calendar year. We request this restriction is included in the provisions for the project.

- The project is not within the critical habitat zone for the Rusty Patched Bumblebee, a federally listed Endangered Species. However, due to declining populations, DNR recommends that conservation measures be implemented into the final restoration plan for the project. Additional information on conservation measure can be found at: https://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/insects/rpbb/conservation.html.

Thanks again for the opportunity to discuss and comment on this proposed project. The above comments represent the DNR’s initial comments for the proposed project and do not constitute final approvals. The Department will review the DRAFT EA, once it is prepared. If any of the items or information provided in this letter requires further clarification, please contact me by phone (414) 507-4946 or email if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kristina Betzold
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Southeast Region
1. Rare Species and Natural Communities

1.1. Overview

This section discusses the potential impacts to endangered resources that might be affected by construction or operation of the proposed Racine Correction Institution (RCI) Health Services Unit.

Endangered resources include rare or declining species, high quality or rare natural communities, and unique or significant natural features. Endangered resources are tracked via the state’s Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) database which is maintained by the DNR’s Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation. The project area evaluation consists of both the project area and a buffer of 1 mile for terrestrial and wetland species and a 2-mile buffer for aquatic species.

The combined presence of natural habitat and man-made disturbances must be taken into consideration to evaluate whether there is a likelihood that rare species are present and the potential for negative impacts to those species. For the purposes of this document, rare species are defined as federal- or state-listed threatened and endangered species, federal candidate and proposed species, and state special concern species. These species are not common which means they are low in numbers or restricted to small geographical areas, i.e., difficult to find. Therefore, while the existing sources of information are important for estimating impacts to rare species, they are incomplete. Additional rare species beyond those identified may actually be present in potentially impacted areas.

Also, the Wisconsin NHI database only has information on rare species for areas which have been previously surveyed for that species or group, during the appropriate season and the observation recorded.

This section identifies the endangered resources that have been recorded in the vicinity of the project site, the project’s potential impacts to these resources, and the mitigation measures that should be implemented. This list and information are taken from the NHI database.

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1.2. Amphibians

A rare amphibian was recorded within the vicinity of the project area, however, due to the decline of this species, it is no longer believe to be present in Racine County and no further actions are necessary.
1.3. Plants

Three rare plant species have been recorded within the vicinity of the project area, however, due to the current use of the site as a community garden, there is not suitable habitat for these species and no further actions are necessary.

1.4. Natural Communities

A terrestrial natural community has been recorded within the vicinity of the project area, however, due to the current use of the site as a community garden, this natural community is not present within the project site and no further actions are necessary.
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Written public comments on the DEA are welcomed and will be used to develop the Final EA. Comments or inquiries should be emailed or mailed no later than Friday, November 17, 2017 to Darren Fortney at SEH, 6808 Odana Road, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53719. Public comments may be submitted via email to: dfortney@sehinc.com.
PUBLIC NOTICE
Draft Environmental Assessment
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Racine Correctional Institution, Wisconsin Department of Corrections
Sturtevant, Wisconsin

DFO Project # 15HD

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